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... BY HOLIDAY-MAKER BRAD NEWBURY, ON HIS PORTABLE VIDEO CAMERA, WHICH QUITE CLEARLY SHOWS SEVERAL METALLIC, DINOSAUR-LIKE CREATURES BATTLING A LARGER ...
... MORE HUMANOID ROBOT, RESEMBLING THOSE REPORTEDLY ON THE RAMPAGE IN
HEY, CHARLIE! HOWS ABOUT TURNING THAT RUBBISH OFF?

AIN'TCHA INTERESTED IN THIS? THEY SAY WE'VE BEEN INVADED BY GIANT ROBOTS - RIGHT HERE ON OUR DOORSTEP, TOO!
HUH! LOOKS MORE LIKE THE SET OF THE NEXT SPIELBERG MOVIE TO ME!

DECEPTICON DAM-BUSTERS!

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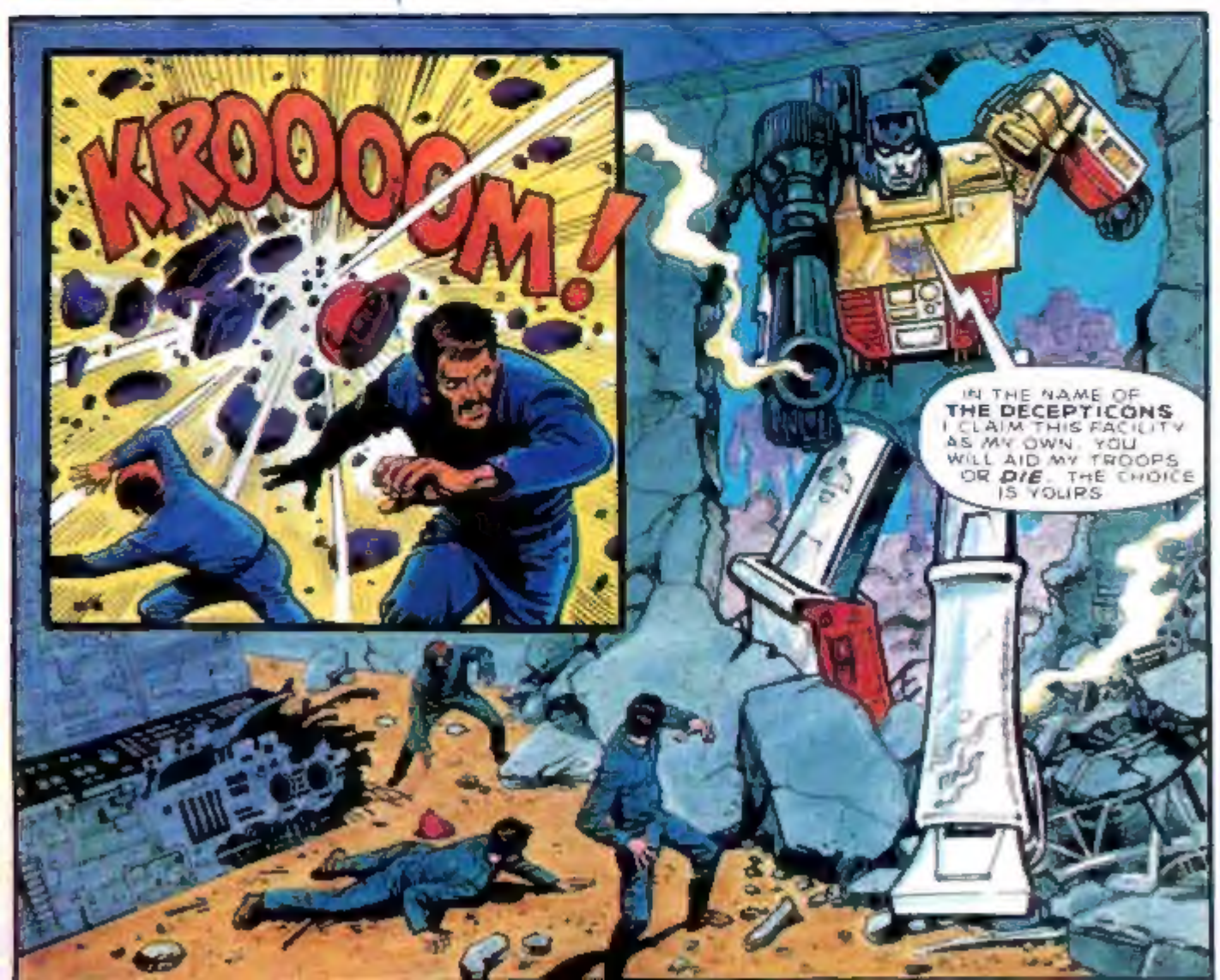
MMUNPH!
I DON'T THINK MUCH OF THIS SPECIMEN OF CARBON-BASED LIFE
ME NEITHER. GRIMLOCK - BUT RATCHET INSISTS THEY'RE THE DOMINANT LIFE-FORMS
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ONES THE ARK MODELLED US ON? THEY WERE MUCH BETTER!
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!
AN AMBULANCE! I'M SAVED!
QUICK! QUICK - WE'VE GOT TO GET AWAY! THOSE MONSTROSITIES
YES I KNOW. I MUST APOLOGIZE FOR THE DINOBOTS BUT YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND
THEY'VE NEVER SEEN A HUMAN BEFORE
AAAAAAAA
OH DEAR
ER... A WORD IN YOUR AUDIO SENSORS GUYS

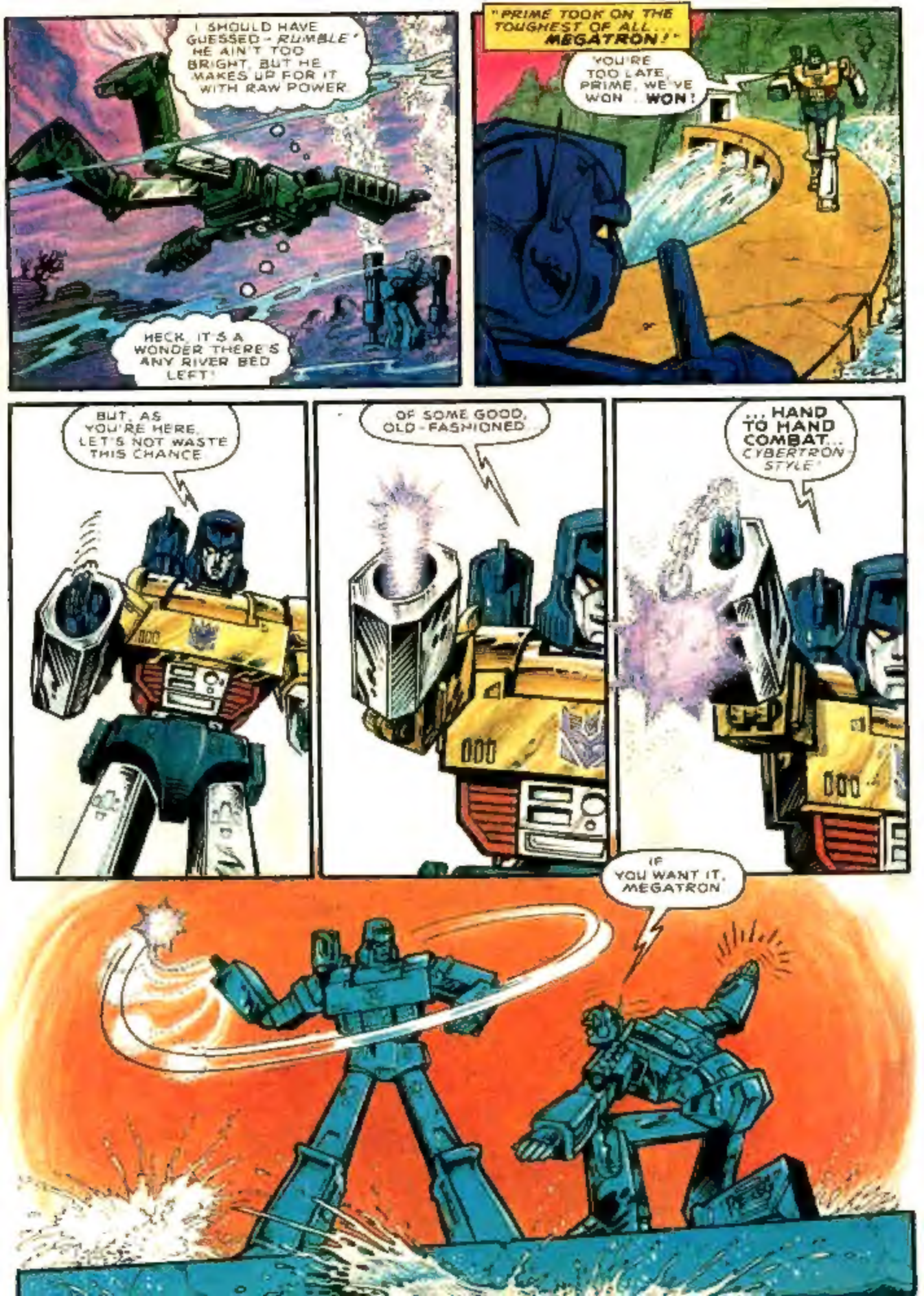
LATER
YOU'VE JUST GOT TO LEARN TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE KEEP AWAY FROM THE HUMANS
WHY?
I MEAN, WE'RE THE GOOD GUYS, RIGHT? NOW, IF THEY WERE SCARED OF THE DECEPTICONS, THAT I COULD UNDERSTAND!
BUT THAT'S JUST IT, SWOOP! THEY CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US. ONE TRANSFORMER IS MUCH THE SAME AS ANOTHER TO THEM
BUT, RATCHET, IF, AS YOU'VE TOLD US, THE AUTOBOTS HAVE BEEN PROTECTING THE HUMANS FROM THE DECEPTICONS, THEN THEY'D KNOW BY NOW THAT WE DON'T MEAN THEM ANY HARM
IT'S NOT QUITE THAT STRAIGHTFORWARD, AS I NOW CAN EXPLAIN THIS...
I KNOW. I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT THE TIME THE DECEPTICONS ATTACKED THE DAM — THAT'LL ILLUSTRATE THE POINT I'M TRYING TO MAKE
WE'D GOT WIND OF ANOTHER DECEPTICON PLAN TO TRANSFORM EARTH POWER INTO A FUEL SOURCE THEY COULD USE
WE'D BEEN MONITORING THEIR BASE
IT SEEMS PERFECT!
AND YOU'RE SURE IT CAN BE DONE, SOUNDWAVE?
MY CALCULATIONS POINT TO A NINETY-NINE POINT EIGHT PERCENT CERTAINTY, GREAT MEGATRON. THE PROCEDURE IS COMPLEX, BUT WITH A LARGE ENOUGH SOURCE WE CAN TRANSFORM EARTH'S ELECTRICAL POWER INTO A CRUDE, BUT USABLE, DECEPTICON FUEL

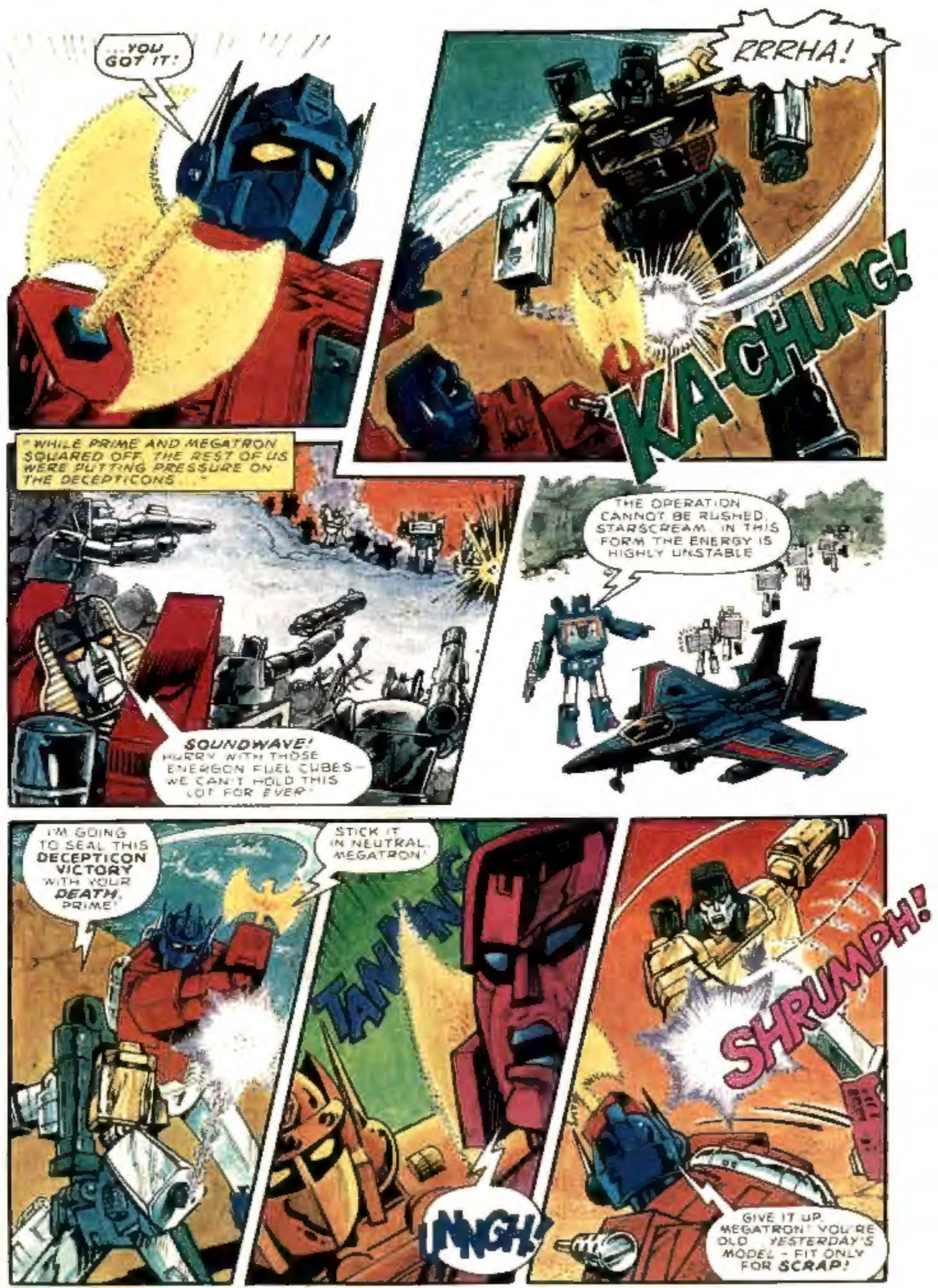
AND ON OUR VERY DOORSTEP WE HAVE ONE OF THIS PLANET'S MOST POWERFUL ELECTRICAL GENERATORS
SHOSHAN DAM
"WE LEARNT TOO LATE THAT THE DECEPTICONS MEANT TO FORCE AS MUCH WATER AS POSSIBLE THROUGH THE GIANT DAM, CREATING AN ELECTRICAL SURGE OF ENORMOUS PROPORTIONS."
"THE FACT THAT THE DAM WOULDN'T SURVIVE THE EXPERIENCE WAS OF NO IMPORT TO THEM..."
HEY, WHAT THE HECKS HAPPENING OUT THERE? MY METER READINGS JUST WENT OFF THE SCALE!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT BUT THE WATER PRESSURE MONITORS REPORT TIDAL WAVE CONDITIONS
THE DAM CAN'T HANDLE A SURGE LIKE THAT — WHAT'S HAPPENED?! HAS SOMEONE DROPPED A BOMB IN —


KROOOOM!
IN THE NAME OF THE DECEPTICONS I CLAIM THIS FACILITY AS MY OWN. YOU WILL AID MY TROOPS OR DIE. THE CHOICE IS YOURS

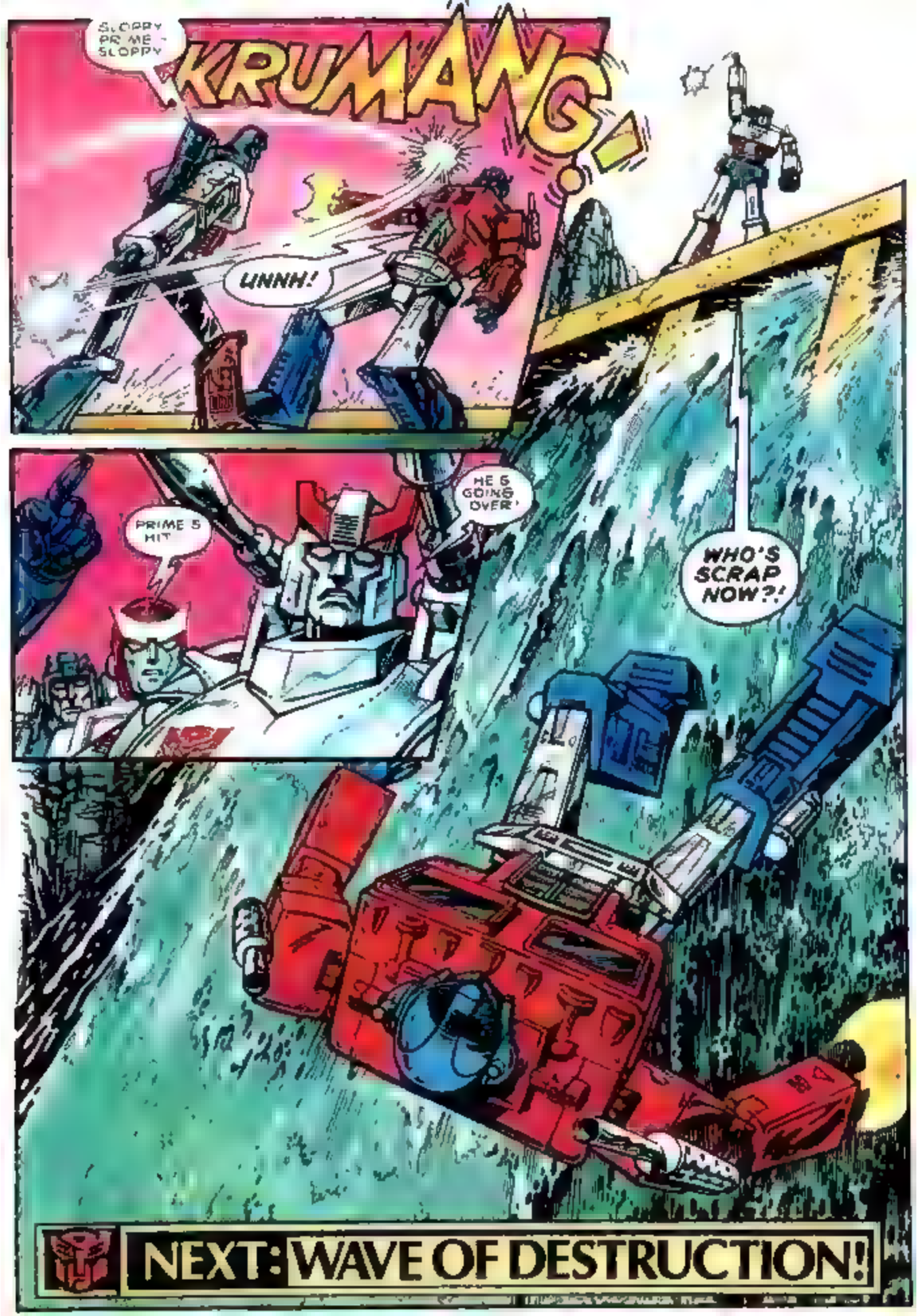
LISTEN, WHOEVER YOU ARE THAT DAM'S GOING TO BURST UNLESS WE DO SOMETHING TO LESSEN THE PRESSURE ON THOSE GATES - SOMETHING'S CAUSING MASSIVE TURBULENCE IN THE RIVER
I KNOW I PUT THAT SOMETHING THERE
AS THE CHANCES OF A NATURALLY OCCURRING TIDAL WAVE WERE NON-EXISTENT I DECIDED TO MAKE MY OWN
AND I HAVE THE PERFECT PILEDRIVING POWER-HOUSE IN MY RANKS —
RUMBLE!
ONCE WE HAVE SET UP OUR TRANSFERENCE EQUIPMENT YOU WILL OPEN THE DAM TO ITS FULLEST EXTENT
AND THEN WE'LL SUCK THIS POWER STATION DRY
"ONCE THE ARK REPORTED THE INCREASED POWER SURGE, WE GUESSED WHO WAS BEHIND IT BUT EVEN OPTIMUS PRIME WAS STUNNED BY THE SCALE OF THE OPERATION — "
BY THE MATRIX!
THAT DAM'S NOT GOING TO LAST FOR EVER WE'VE GOT TO PUT A STOP TO THIS

THAT MEANS TAKING OUT MEGATRON!
DOESN'T IT ALWAYS?
GREETINGS, AUTOBOTS! I'M SO GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT TO WITNESS MY FINAL VICTORY!
LET'S STOP THIS MANIAC!
HOUND - LOCATE AND NULLIFY WHATEVER'S CAUSING THE TURBULENCE IN THE RIVER...
THE REST OF YOU SECURE THE POWER STATION. I'LL SEE TO MEGATRON!
"IT SOUNDED SIMPLE, 'SECURE THE POWER STATION'. TROUBLE WAS, THE DECEPTICONS OBJECTED..."
"AND HOUND DIDN'T HAVE IT ANY EASIER..."
OKAY - I'M FAR ENOUGH OUT. LET'S TAKE A LOOK BELOW


I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED - RUMBLE' HE AIN'T TOO BRIGHT, BUT HE MAKES UP FOR IT WITH RAW POWER
HECK, IT'S A WONDER THERE'S ANY RIVER BED LEFT!
"PRIME TOOK ON THE TOUGHEST OF ALL... MEGATRON!"
YOU'RE TOO LATE, PRIME, WE'VE WON... WON!
BUT, AS YOU'RE HERE, LET'S NOT WASTE THIS CHANCE
OF SOME GOOD, OLD-FASHIONED...
...HAND TO HAND COMBAT... CYBERTRON STYLE!
IF YOU WANT IT, MEGATRON


...YOU GOT IT!
RRRHA!
KA-CHUNG!
"WHILE PRIME AND MEGATRON SQUARED OFF, THE REST OF US WERE PUTTING PRESSURE ON THE DECEPTICONS..."
SOUNDWAVE! HURRY WITH THOSE ENERGON FUEL CUBES— WE CAN'T HOLD THIS LOT FOR EVER!
THE OPERATION CANNOT BE RUSHED, STARSCREAM. IN THIS FORM THE ENERGY IS HIGHLY UNSTABLE
I'M GOING TO SEAL THIS DECEPTICON VICTORY WITH YOUR DEATH, PRIME!
STICK IT IN NEUTRAL, MEGATRON!
TANK
NNGH!
SHRUMPH!
GIVE IT UP, MEGATRON! YOU'RE OLD YESTERDAY'S MODEL - FIT ONLY FOR SCRAP!

MEANWHILE HOUND WAS HAVING A HARD TIME OF IT
BACK OFF AUTOBOT!
THIS RIVER ISN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR THE BOTH OF US!
UH OH!
FOR ALL YOUR VAUNTED POWER YOU'RE BASICALLY WEAK MEGATRON WEAK!
CHANGG!
SFWOOOSH!
WHAT THE—? HOUND!


SLOPPY PR ME - SLOPPY
KRUMANG!
UNNH!
PRIME S HIT
HE S GOING OVER.
WHO'S SCRAP NOW?!
NEXT: WAVE OF DESTRUCTION!

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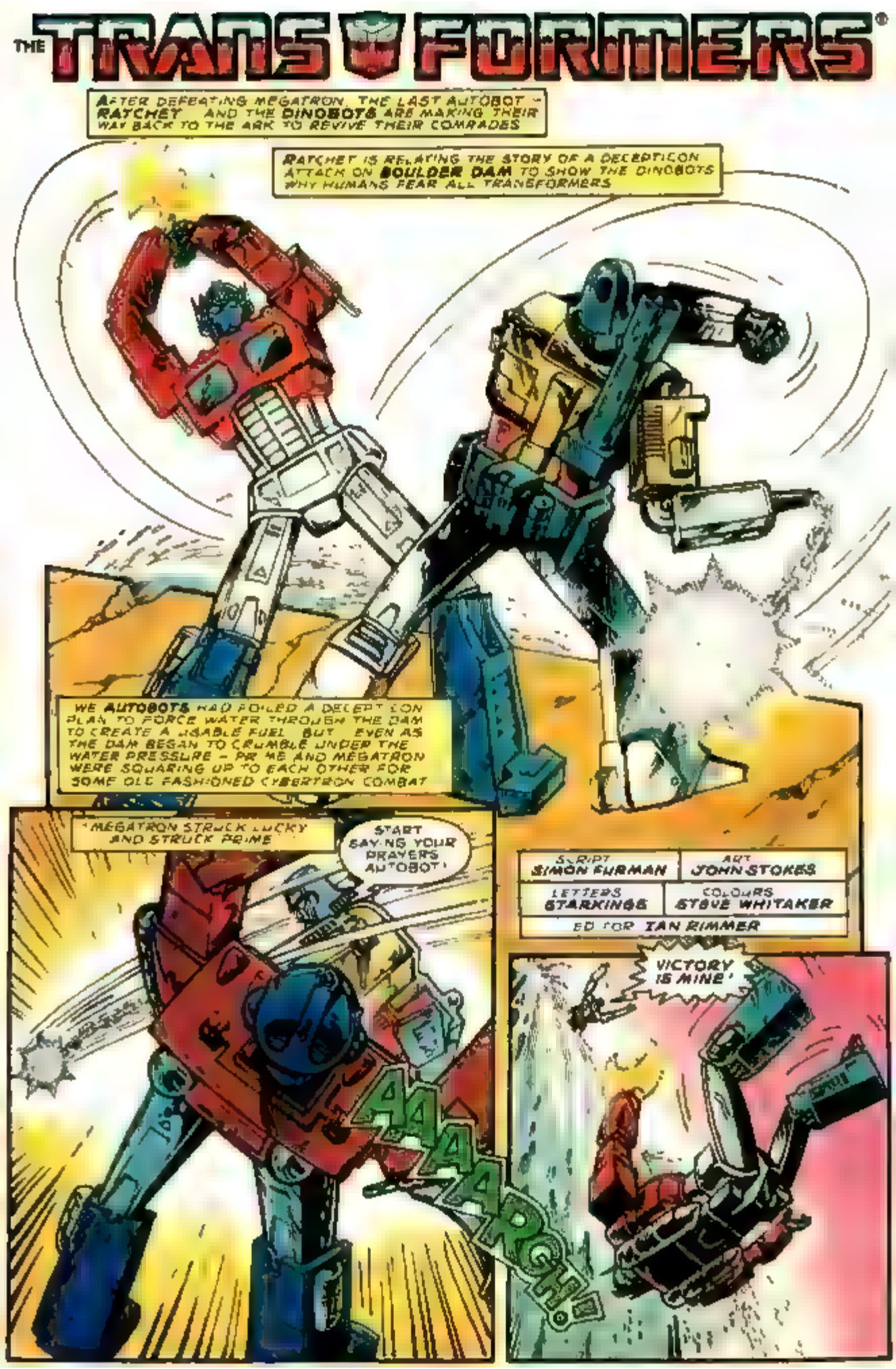
AFTER DEFEATING MEGATRON, THE LAST AUTOBOT - RATCHET - AND THE DINOBOTS ARE MAKING THEIR WAY BACK TO THE ARK TO REVIVE THEIR COMRADES
RATCHET IS RELATING THE STORY OF A DECEPTICON ATTACK ON BOULDER DAM TO SHOW THE DINOBOTS WHY HUMANS FEAR ALL TRANSFORMERS
WE AUTOBOTS HAD FOILED A DECEPTICON PLAN TO FORCE WATER THROUGH THE DAM TO CREATE A USABLE FUEL BUT EVEN AS THE DAM BEGAN TO CRUMBLE UNDER THE WATER PRESSURE - PR ME AND MEGATRON WERE SQUARING UP TO EACH OTHER FOR SOME OLD FASHIONED CYBERTRON COMBAT
MEGATRON STRUCK LUCKY AND STRUCK PRIME
START SAYING YOUR PRAYERS AUTOBOT!
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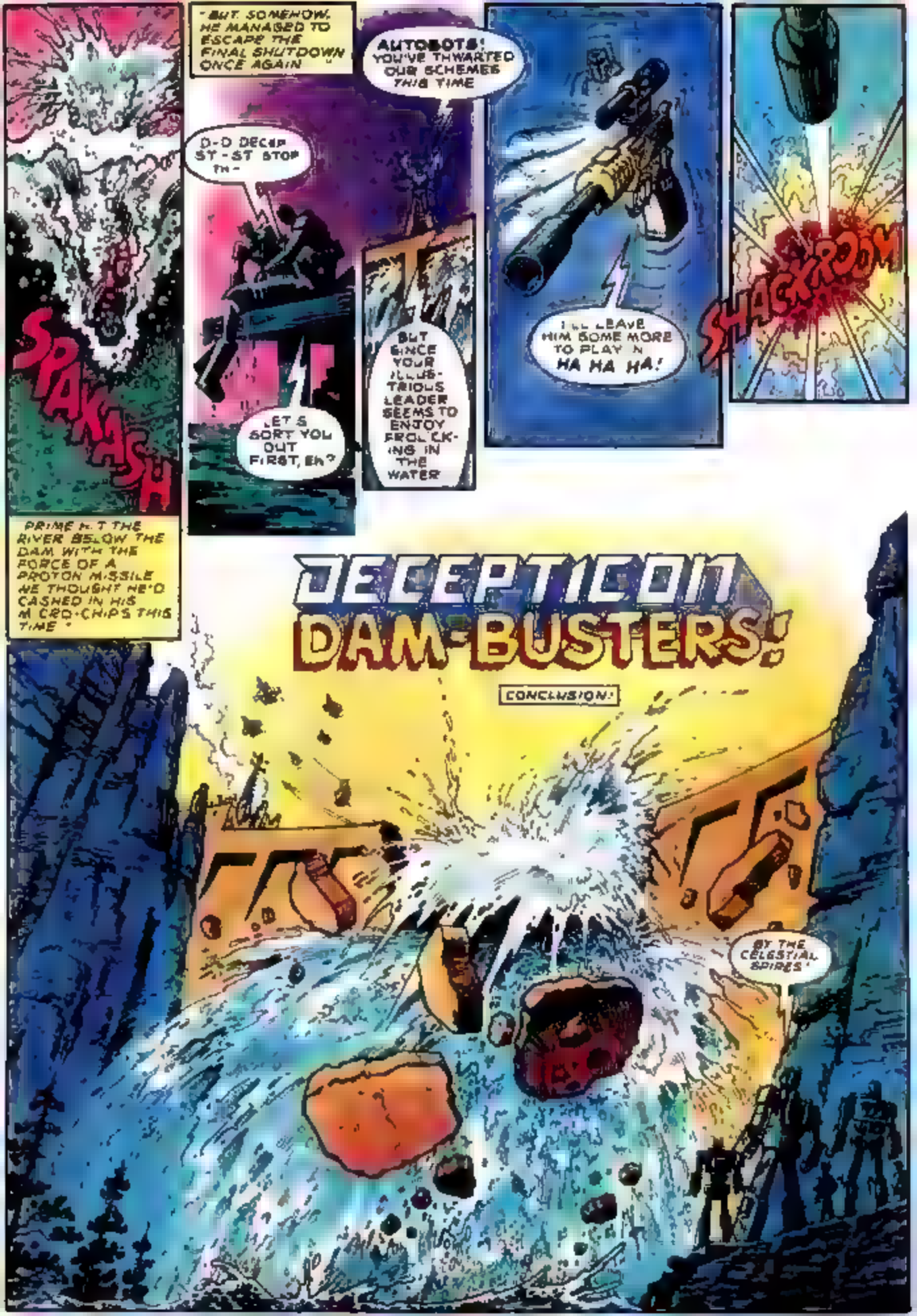

SPAKASH
PRIME HURLED THE RIVER BELOW THE DAM WITH THE FORCE OF A PROTON MISSILE HE THOUGHT HE'D CASHED IN HIS M.CRO-CHIPS THIS TIME
"BUT SOMEHOW, HE MANAGED TO ESCAPE THE FINAL SHUTDOWN ONCE AGAIN"
D-D DECEP ST-ST STOP TH-
LET'S SORT YOU OUT FIRST, EH?
AUTOBOTS! YOU'VE THWARTED OUR SCHEMES THIS TIME
BUT SINCE YOUR ILLUSTRIOUS LEADER SEEMS TO ENJOY FROLICKING IN THE WATER
I'LL LEAVE HIM SOME MORE TO PLAY IN HA HA HA!
SHACKROOM
DECEPTICON DAM-BUSTERS!
CONCLUSION!
BY THE CELESTIAL SPIRES!

PROWL - WE HAVE LITTLE T ME TAKE THE FASTEST WITH YOU TO THE SMALL HUMAN SETTLEMENT FUR-THER DOWN THE VALLEY
TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES ARE NECESSARY TO SAFEGUARD TS INHABITANTS
YOU HEARD THE MAN - JAZZ, MIRAGE, IRONHIDE, BUMBLEBEE, SIDESWIPE . .
TRANSFORM!
LET'S ROLL!
POLICE
"MEANWHILE, I FOUND HOUND "
HEY - YOU OKAY? IT LOOKED L KE YOU WERE ON YOUR WAY BACK TO CYBERTRON *
YEAH, THANKS TO RUMBLE! BOY THAT LITTLE DECEPT CON PACKS QUITE A PUNCH! WHOS - WHO LEFT THE HOSE PIPE RUNNING ?
* SEE LAST ISSUE
"MEGATRON'S BLAST HAD SENT THOUSANDS OF GALLONS OF SHEER, UNADULTERATED FORCE CRASHING THROUGH THE VALLEY . "
"YET THE AUTOBOTS HELD THEIR GROUND
THIS IS SO CRAZY, IT JUST MIGHT WORK
LET'S MAKE THIS GOOD GUYS' OPEN FIRE!

CABOOM!
BKAAAAM!
UNDER THE AUTOBOT BARRAGE TONS OF ROCK CASCADED DOWN FROM THE VALLEY WALLS
WE'D MADE A NEW DAM
IT'S GOOD BUT IT WON'T HOLD THAT WATER BACK FOR EVER
THEN WE'VE GOT TO DO MORE SPREAD OUT ACROSS THE VALLEY'S WIDTH AND DIG
WITH YOUR BLASTERS!

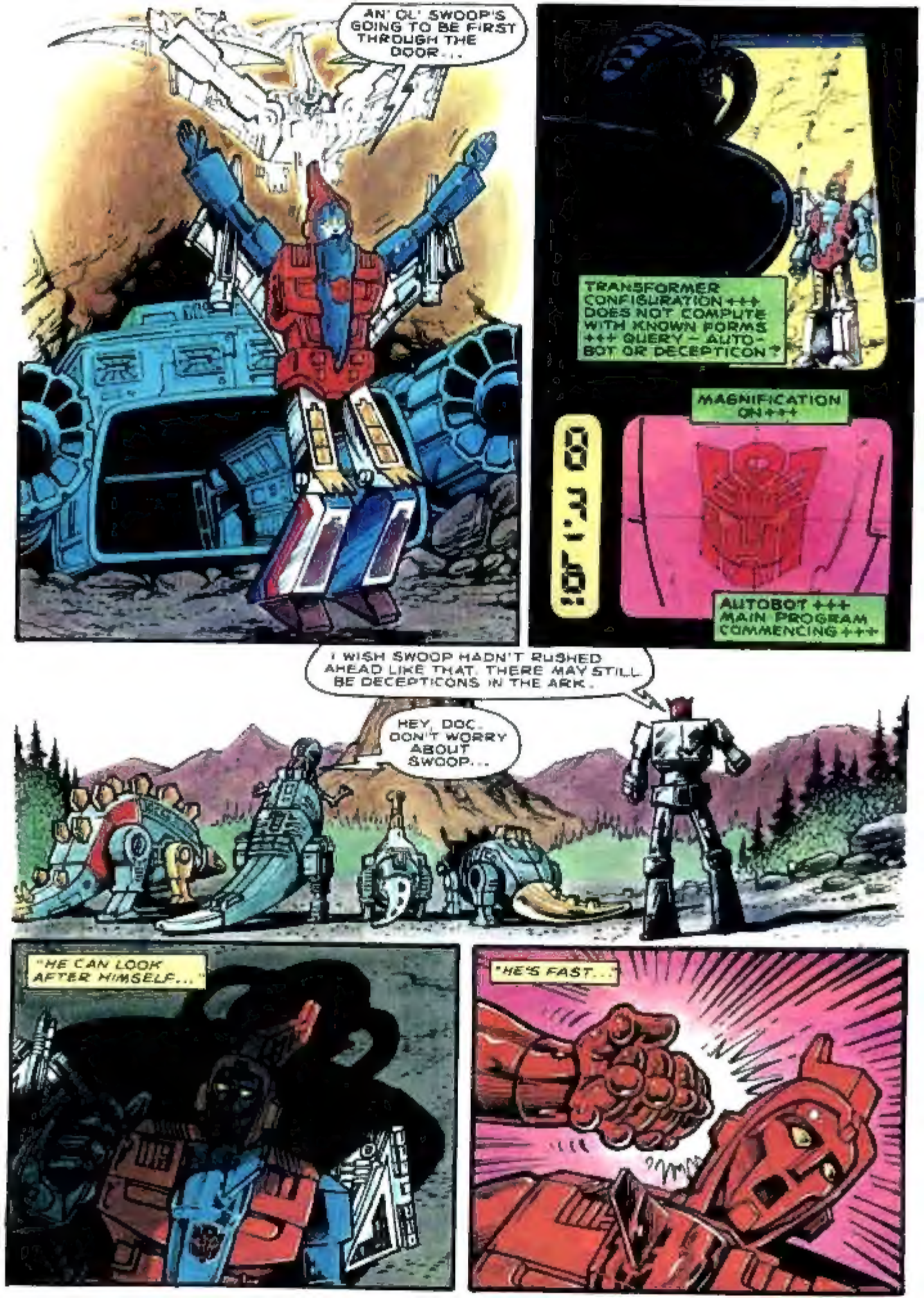
FSSSAAAR!
BUT THE THOUSANDS OF GALLONS OF WATER WOULD NOT BE STOPPED BY DAMS
OR TRENCHES
CEASE FIRE! WITHDRAW FAST!!
AND I TREATED THOSE WHO HAD TRIED TO STOP ITS ADVANCE
WITH NOTHING BUT CONTEMPT!
WE'VE DONE ALL WE CAN HERE NOW IT'S UP TO PROWL!

IT SEEMED THAT IN HIS DISGUISED FORM PROWL WAS VERY EFFECTIVE
AND KEEP MOVING TOWARDS THE HIGHER AREAS OF TOWN MOVE QUICKLY BUT PATIENTLY PLEASE DO NOT PANIC AND YOU'LL BE QUITE SAFE
WHILE OTHER AUTOBOTS HAD MADE A HIT WITH THE TOWN'S YOUNGER INHABITANTS...
FASTER JAZZ FASTER
GO ON SIDESWIPE YOU CAN BEAT THAT SLOW COACH
C'MON FOLKS A FEW MORE UP HERE AND THEN ON TO NEXT DOOR'S ROOF
HEADS UP TROOPS! HERE SHE COMES!
THE UPPER TRENCH OF THE VALLEY AND ITS WIDENING AREA HAD SLOWED THE WATER'S ADVANCE CONSIDERABLY BUT IT WAS STILL MORE THAN ENOUGH TO SIMPLY WASH THE TOWN OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH!!

IT WAS LEFT TO IRONHIDE AND BUMBLEBEE TO SAVE THE DAY
HOLD TIGHT WE VE GOT US SOME SER OUS CARV NG TO DO
LET S MAKE US SOME NEW R VERS FOR THIS LITTLE LOT
AS WE SCRAMBLED TO SOME HIGH GROUND WE SAW BUMBLEBEE CUT CHANNEL AFTER CHANNEL
UNT L F NALLY
AND SOON WHEN WE MADE IT TO THE TOWN
PROWL - WHAT'S THE SITUATION?
NOT TOO BAD THE WATER S ONLY A SMALL FLOOD HERE THERE ARE A FEW MINOR INJUR ES BUT NO DEATHS
WE DID GOOD EH?
GOOD?!?!

YOU'VE FLOODED OUR TOWN, DESTROYED THE LAND FOR MILES AROUND, WRECKED THE DAM – AND YOU SAY 'GOOD'?!
NOW WAIT JUST A MINUTE! WE DIDN'T WRECK YOUR DAM THAT WAS THE DECEP –
I'VE JUST HEARD FROM MY BROTHER UP AT THE POWER STATION. GIANT ROBOTS SMASHED THE DAM HE SAID, AND YOU LOT SURE FIT THAT DESCRIPTION.
WHY YOU UNGRATEFUL, SNIVELLING LITTLE ORGANISM! WE RISKED OUR LIVES TO SAVE YOUR MISBE-GOTTEN TOWN AND ...
MIRAGE! CONTROL YOURSELF!
"THERE WAS NOTHING MORE TO BE SAID. MIRAGE'S OUTBURST CONVINCED ANY DOUBTERS THAT WE WERE THE VILLAINS OF THE PIECE. ALL THE GOOD WE'D DONE HAD BEEN WASHED AWAY BY ONE FALSE ASSUMPTION."
AND THAT'S THE WAY IT'S BEEN WITH THESE HUMANS. EVERY TIME WE'VE TRIED TO HELP THEM, THEY SEE A TRANSFORMER. THEY THINK DIFFERENT EQUALS EVIL. AUTOBOT. DECEPTICON...
"SOME PEOPLE JUST CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE..."
MEET JOSIE BELLER. LEFT ALMOST TOTALLY PARALYSED FOLLOWING SHOCKWAVE'S ATTACK ON G B BLACKROCK'S OFFSHORE OIL RIG.*

SHE HATES TRANSFORMERS...
AND SHE'S GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!
SOON. SOON!
MEET G.B. BLACKROCK, UNTIL RECENTLY OWNER OF AN OIL-DRILLING PLATFORM AND AN AEROSPACE PLANT. BOTH ARE NOW UNDER DECEPTICON CONTROL. *
HE HATES TRANSFORMERS.
THOSE DAMN ROBOTS JUST WALKED IN, TOOK MY PROPERTY, INJURED MY MEN...
* TRANSFORMERS #24, 25.
...BUT I'M GOING TO MAKE EVERY ONE OF THEM PAY!
SOME MILES DISTANT, THE DINOBOT SWOOP SOARS HIGH ABOVE THE OTHERS, BLISSFULLY UNAWARE OF THESE GATHERING STORM CLOUDS...
YEY! THERE SHE IS, LOOKING A LITTLE WORSE FOR WEAR, BUT STILL MOUNT ST. HILARY...
AN' WITHIN HER, THE NEAREST THING WE'VE GOT TO A HOME — THE ARK.


AN' OL' SWOOP'S GOING TO BE FIRST THROUGH THE DOOR...
TRANSFORMER CONFIGURATION +++ DOES NOT COMPUTE WITH KNOWN FORMS +++ QUERY – AUTO-BOT OR DECEPTICON?
MAGNIFICATION ON+++
8 P.M.
AUTOBOT +++ MAIN PROGRAM COMMENCING +++
I WISH SWOOP HADN'T RUSHED AHEAD LIKE THAT. THERE MAY STILL BE DECEPTICONS IN THE ARK.
HEY, DOC. DON'T WORRY ABOUT SWOOP...
"HE CAN LOOK AFTER HIMSELF..."
"HE'S FAST..."

"...AND REAL STRONG..."
YEAH, HE'S NIGH ON... OH MY!
SWOOP!
W-WHAT IS THAT?
THAT'S THAT IS GUARDIAN! HE WAS AN AUTOBOT, BUT AT A GUESS...
I'D SAY HE'S CHANGED SIDES!